

**Community
Assessment
Teams (CATs)**

CATs are a partnership of probation officers and community-based services to help keep at-risk kids from entering the juvenile justice system. Please call the CATs location closest to your residence for more information.

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Building a Safer Community



Probation 101

Probation: What Is It?

Probation is a court ordered sanction that allows a person to remain in the community under the supervision of a probation officer. The conditions of this community-based supervision can vary. It could include jail time, fines, restitution, community service, or other sanctions.

Probation can also require a predetermined amount of offender reporting to their probation officer. If the person does not follow the rules of their probation, they could go back before the judge and be sent to jail or prison.

The mission of probation is to ensure public safety. Every citizen has the right to be free from fear of harm to their person and property.

What Is a Probation Officer and What Do They Do?

A probation officer is someone who supervises a person who has been placed on probation. Some of the officers' job duties include:

1. Monitoring compliance with court orders.
2. Assisting offenders in obtaining needed services.
3. Overseeing the rehabilitation of the offenders.
4. Conducting offender work and home visits.
5. Administering drug tests providing support, other services, and help to victims in securing restitution.

Probation officers must become competent in addressing the following issues: drug and alcohol abuse, sexual deviancy, child abuse, domestic violence, and mental illness.

Who Do Probation Officers Work With?

The officers work hand in hand with community groups and social service agencies to provide offenders and victims with the support and services they need. Probation officers maintain partnerships with law enforcement and other justice agencies so the agencies can benefit from the expertise of each other and share information on criminal activity.

Who Is On Probation?

Offenders that are deemed appropriate for community supervision.

As of 2008, probation officers supervised 4,000 juveniles and 19,000 adults in San Diego County. About 1,000 of them are institutionalized at any given time.